

Injury Prevention

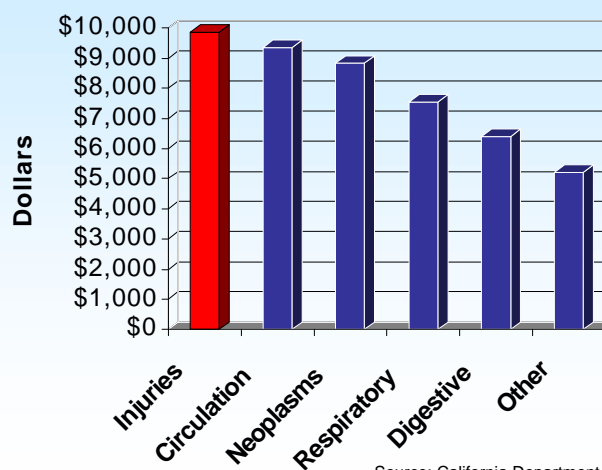


Injuries are the leading cause of death for California Indians Ages 1 to 44. The staggering treatment costs associated with injuries expends a large proportion of Indian health program dollars.

Although there has been great progress in the last 30 years in reducing injuries to Indian people, injury rates continue to be higher for Indians than for the general all US population. With more funding for implementing strategies that have been shown to work in Indian country we can further reduce this tragic problem.

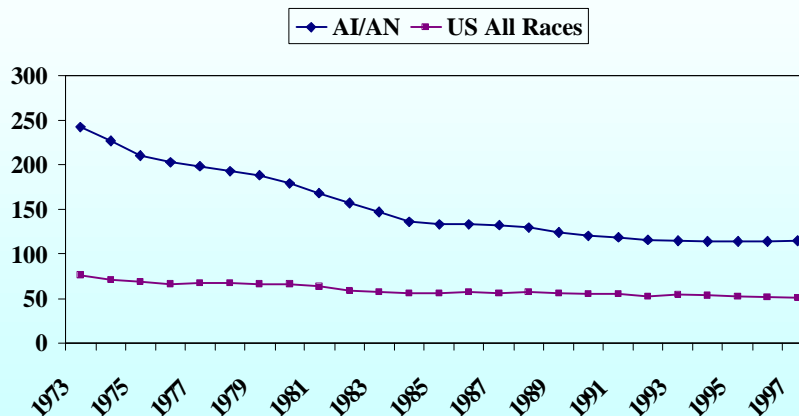
Not only are injuries a very common problem for residents in Indian communities they are also very expensive to treat.

Average Cost per Hospitalization California, 1996-1997



Source: California Department of Health Services

Comparison of Injury Death Rates for AI/AN and U.S. All Races



Source: Trends in Indian Health, IHS, 2000-2001